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SUBJECT: ISRAELI PRESS COVERAGE OF SISCO-DINITZ CONVERSATION
AND SISCO MAARIV INTERVIEW

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1. ISRAELI PRESS HAS PROVIDED BRIEF SUMMARIES OF SUBJECTS
RAISED AT SISCO-DINITZ LUNCHEON JULY 31 AND FACTUAL REPORTS
ON MAARIV INTERVIEW (TEL AVIV REFTEL).
2. MAARIV'S WASHINGTON REPORTER WROTE AUGUST 1 THAT WHITE
HOUSE SOURCES REJECTED POSSIBILITY OF NEW US MID EAST
INITIATIVE BEFORE THE ISRAELI ELECTIONS. "SOURCES SAID THAT
US GOVERNMENT WOULD OF COURSE WELCOME A MORE MODERATE
ISRAELI APPROACH... ADDED THAT EVEN EGYPT IS AWARE OF FACT
THAT BEFORE KNESSET ELECTIONS NO PROPOSALS CAN BE EXPECTED
FROM ISRAEL."
3. AL HAMISHMAR (MAPAM) AND DAVAR (HISTADRUT) AUGUST 2
REPORTS THAT SICO LEFT NO DOUBT THAT US IS INTERESTED IN
SOME MOVEMENT IN FROZEN ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE. ACCORDING
TO REPORT SISCO NOTED THAT US VETO HAS SAVED 242 FRAMEWORK
FOR NEGOTIATIONS AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT GOI WOULD SHOW
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FLEXIBILITY IN UPCOMING DISCUSSIONS WITH UNSG WALDHEIM.

4. HAARETZ AUGUST 2 CITES JERUSALEM SOURCES AS STATING THAT SISCO MADE NO SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW SITUATION MIGHT BE UNFROZEN. AS TO WALDHEIM VISIT, ARTICLE STATES THAT JERUSALEM DOUBTS CHANCES OF ITS SUCCESS.

5. HAARETZ (MARGALIT) AUGUST 3 ADDS THAT SISCO EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT EXPECTED PRESSURES FROM ARAB OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES ON US IN CONTEXT ENERGY CRISIS. JERUSALEM SOURCES STATE THAT US CONCERN ABOUT OIL SHORTAGE COMES IN WAKE OF EGYPTIAN-SAUDI ARABIAN DISCUSSIONS ON HOW TO APPLY PRESSURE ON US POLICY TOWARDS ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE.

6. SURPRISINGLY THERE HAS SO FAR BEEN NO EDITORIAL COMMENT ON MEETING. PROBABLY THIS REFLECTS FACT THAT ONLY LIMITED INFO HAS BEEN AVAILABLE TO PRESS AND THAT SISCO APPARENTLY DID NOT MAKE SPECIFIC NEW DEMAND ON GOI. AS IS USUAL IN ISRAEL, PRESS HAS REFRAINED FROM EDITORIAL COMMENT ON INTERVIEW GRANTED TO ONE OF ITS RIVALS. VELIOTES

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